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SUBJECT: EXBS: KAZAKHSTAN ADVISOR MONTHLY REPORTING CABLE
(AUGUST 2005)

[I](#). BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS:

[1](#)1. Anne Cummings is now the Action Officer for EXBS Kazakhstan. Thank you to Joanna Gabryszewski for all her good work on the EXBS Kazakhstan program.

II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

[A](#). SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS CONDUCTED

[1](#)1. August 5 - EXBS Advisor Offenbacher and Program Manager Abildaeva met with four representatives of the Maritime Division of the Kazakhstani Border Service on the eve of the four's departure to Port Orchard, Washington to attend a 3-week SAFE Boat training.

[B](#). TRAINING DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

[1](#)1. August 2-5 - The Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of International Programs hosted a Regulations Technical Forum and Workshop in Washington DC for six Kazakhstani senior export control officials. Both American and Kazakhstani sides noted the numerous productive discussions and judged the event a success.

[1](#)2. August 8-26 - Two engineers and two coxswains representing the Maritime Division of Kazakhstan's Border Service attended a training program at SAFE Boat International's headquarters in Port Orchard, WA. The training was provided in connection with the delivery of three 42-foot SAFE boats to Kazakhstan later this year. EXBS Almaty received positive feedback from the American side on Kazakhstan's choice of trainees for the course. Upon completion of the course, the Kazakhstani students remarked that the training was highly useful.

[1](#)3. August 22-23 and 25-26 - David Gilmore of Commonwealth Trading Partners (CTP) conducted two Internal Control Program deployments in Stepnogorsk and Petropavlovsk. CTP received in-country support from the NGO Center for Export Control, IVT Astana.

[C](#). EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

[1](#)1. August 30 - The U.S. Coast Guard procurement of three SAFE Boats was completed when ownership of the vessels was signed over from SAFE Boat International to the Government of Kazakhstan. Although EXBS Almaty initially had some difficulty getting the Kazakhstani Border Guard to identify an official authorized to sign for the boats, a letter from Embassy Almaty's DCM and eleventh hour assistance from NP/ECC and the U.S. Coast Guard produced the necessary result and an official from the Embassy of Kazakhstan in Washington signed for the boats. Custody of the boats will now be transferred to a shipping company, which will deliver the boats to their final destination in Bautino, some 100km to the north of the Caspian Sea port of Aktau.

[D](#). IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE.

[1](#)1. September 8-17 - Batyr Hommadov, Ashgabat EXBS FSN, will attend an EXBS office procedures training session in Almaty.

[1](#)2. September 20-22 - Three Kazakhstani export control officials representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Customs Control Committee and Border Service will attend the Seventh Annual Export Control Conference in Stockholm, Sweden.

[1](#)3. September 26-29 - The National Nuclear Security

Administration's International Nonproliferation and Export Control Program will hold the fifth Technical Experts Working Group at the Alatau Sanatorium in Almaty. This regional event provides a forum for nuclear technical experts working in the field of export control.

14. September 26-28 - Integrity Awareness training will be conducted by CTP for 25 Kazakhstani Customs representatives.

15. September 29-30 - Two CTP representatives will attend "Industry Outreach Compliance" meetings in Astana. The goal of these meetings is to obtain agreement on which Kazakhstani agency has the primary role in building criminal export enforcement cases, as well as to determine how training materials should be customized to meet Kazakhstan's needs.

16. October 3-7 - Strategic Enforcement Tracker training will be held at a Kazakhstani Border Guard training facility near Almaty. The course is funded by DTRA and is designed to assist the Border Guard in securing the "green" border areas between ports of entry. Training will be conducted by a team of Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection patrol officers.

17. October 11-13 - EXBS Advisor Offenbacher and three representatives from the Maritime Division of the Kazakhstani Border Service will attend the Black Sea and Caspian Maritime Conference on Nonproliferation in Baku, Azerbaijan. The regional conference is being co-hosted by the governments of the United States and Azerbaijan.

1E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NONPROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY.

1. None.

1F. CASPIAN SECURITY UPDATE.

1. Nothing for this reporting period.

III. RED FLAG ISSUES.

1. None.

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